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Brief profile of the Sino-Australian Joint Research Program

In 2009, the Co-Directors of this new Joint Program - Professor Michael Wesley at Griffith University (GU), Professor Wang Xinsheng at Sun Yatsen University (SYSU), and Professor Don McMillen at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) - developed this exciting initiative with colleagues at the partner institutions and with others elsewhere. The Joint Program is devoted to research, research training, scholarly exchange, and dialogue.

All parties currently involved in the Joint Program firmly believe that it, and especially the Annual Dialogue Forums, have the potential to be both highly visible and very meaningful "follow-ups" to on-going efforts by the various governments of the two countries designed to enhance their bilateral relations and their relations with other relevant regional and global actors.

While the Joint Program is based at the core partner universities in the PRC and Queensland, its intention is to network and interact with other universities, expert bodies, governmental organisations, relevant IGOs and NGOs, and private sector actors from both countries - and beyond. It intends to devote the focal areas of its research agenda, related activities, and outputs to a range of crucial current and looming issues of concern to *all* parties, "glocally" (see the Notes attached to the Draft 1st Forum Program). In particular, its efforts will be focused on exploring critical issues related to broadly defined sustainability and traditional/non-traditional security. It intends to do this by identifying and involving the best available expertise and most influential thinkers/players.

Briefly, the main components of the Joint Program are: Annual Dialogue Forums (from July 2009); A two-way (and possibly broader) Distinguished Visiting Researchers Scheme (from 2009); A Research Studentship and Training Plan (from 2009-2010); Professional/Specialist Short Courses (from 2010); A Publications Program (from 2009-2010); and Undergraduate Student

Exchanges/Study Tours (from 2010).

Beyond the current themes set for the first Annual Dialogue Forum to be held in Guangzhou, other Focal Research Areas in the Joint Program's agenda that likely will be given future in-depth treatment (and will be highlighted in subsequent Annual Dialogue Forums to be convened in Australia and China) are:

- Sustainable business, strategic trade, and global economic security
- Global population and migration issues: the challenges of identity, cultural sustainability, jurisdiction, and governance 'national' and 'human' security dimensions
- Managing regional security: 'architecture building' and law and order/policing as issues in Sino-Australian relations
- Sustaining humanity: the energy and food security nexus in the Asia-Pacific region
- Technologies and their implications for sustainability and security in the 21st century

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‘Collaboration and Governance in the Asia Pacific’

2nd Annual Dialogue Forum of the Sino – Australian Joint Research Program

The Ship Inn, Southbank Parklands

Hosted by Griffith University
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

In partnership with Sun Yat-Sen University and the University of Southern
Queensland

21-23 July 2010

Day 1: Wednesday 21 July, 2010

Arrival and Welcome Day

6:30 –8:30pm Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Thursday 22 July, 2010

8:00-8:15am Registration

8:15-9:00am Forum Opening

Welcome Remarks

MOU Signing by Professor Andrew O’Neil, Director, Griffith Asia Institute and Professor Hameshita Takeshi, SYSU

Objectives of Sessions 1-2 topics:
Establish the current state of play regarding perceptions of the region and how it is constituted; identify and assess the major strategic trends within it.

9:00-10:30am **Session 1: The Asia Pacific as a Region – Concepts, Actors and Relations, I**
Chair: Dr Ian Hall, IBAS

Keynote Paper 1:

The Asia Pacific as a Regional Concept? Towards Identity and Utility.

Professor Takeshi Hameshita, SYSU

Keynote Paper 2:

Crossroads or Dead-End?: The Future Role of the US in the Asia Pacific

Professor Tang Xiaosong, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies

10:30-11:00am **Morning Tea**

11:00-12:30pm **Session 2: The Asia Pacific as a Region – Concepts, Actors and Relations, II**
Professor Ron Keith, IBAS, Griffith University

Keynote Paper 3:

Emerging States and the Asia Pacific (China & India)

Presenter: Mr Rory Medcalf, Lowy Institute for International Policy

Keynote Paper 4:

Assessing Future Relations: China & Japan

Assoc. Professor Michael Heazle, GAI/IBAS and Professor Andrew O'Neil, GAI

12.30-1:30pm

Lunch

Objectives of Session 3 Topics:

1) Assess the current state of and challenges to institutional engagement and co-operation in the region; 2) Identify and compare the differing perceptions among states of what legitimate governance on a regional scale represents

1:30-3:00pm

Session 3: Assessing Collaboration and Governance in The Asia Pacific, I

Chair: Dr Mingxian Su, USQ/GAI

Keynote Paper 5:

Regional Inter - Governmental Organisation: Finding a Place, Staking a Claim?

Professor Wang Xinsheng, SYSU

Keynote Paper 6 :

Notions of Governance and Legitimacy in the Asia Pacific

Professor Haig Patapan, GAI/PPP (TBC)

3:00-3:30pm

Afternoon Tea

Objectives of Session 4 Topics:

What can the kinds of responses implemented so far to transnational threats such as these tell us about the current state of regional co-operation and governance. What are the problems and challenges that need to be addressed at the state and inter-governmental levels to better manage transnational issues and challenges?

3:30-5:00pm

Session 4: Assessing Collaboration and Governance in The Asia Pacific, II

Chair: Dr Luke Glanville, GAI

Keynote Paper 7:

Transnational Security Issues in the Asia Pacific: Fisheries and Piracy

Dr Rachel Baird, USQ

Keynote Paper 8 :

East Asian Regional Cooperation and Sino-Australian Relations

Professor Han Feng, Vice Director, Institute of Asia Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

7:00-10:00pm

Forum Dinner

8:15am Depart Mantra Hotel and walk to Webb Centre

Objectives of Sessions 5 Topics:

How, if at all, have changing notions of security affected policy thinking and behaviour among states, particularly at the regional level? Do broader perceptions of “security” enhance or diminish the prospects for regional governance and co-operation among states?

8:30-10:00am **Session 5: Assessing Collaboration and Governance in the Asia Pacific, III: Reconceptualising Security**
Chair: Professor Andrew O’Neil, GAI

Keynote Paper 9:

Human Security and the Role of the State in the Asia Pacific

Dr Melissa Curley, University of Queensland

Keynote Paper 10:

Environmental Protection Versus Economic Development in the Asia Pacific—The Impacts of Copenhagen

Professor John Cole, USQ

10:00-10:30am **Morning Tea**

Objectives of Sessions 6-8 topics:

What kind of influence are these contemporary trends and regional challenges likely to have on the future shape of regional governance and inter-governmental co-operation. What kinds of responses among states are likely to occur and what will the impact of these responses be on the prospects for developing further intergovernmental co-operation and governance in the region?

10:30-12:00pm **Session 6: Economic, Trade and Development Issues in the Asia Pacific**
Chair: Professor Colin Mackerras, IBAS, Griffith University

Keynote Paper 11:

Economic Interdependence in the Asia Pacific; Implications for Australia

Professor Leong Liew, IBAS, Griffith University

Keynote Paper 12:

International Relations in the Asia Pacific: Chinese and Australian Responses and Trends

Professor Yu Changsen and Jory Xiong, SYSU

12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-2:30pm	<p>Session 7: Climate Change and Adaptive Industries <i>Chair: Professor Roger Stone, USQ</i></p> <p><u>Keynote Paper 13:</u> <i>Climate Change and the Role of the State: Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies</i> <i>Presenter: Dr Mark Howden, CSIRO</i></p> <p><u>Keynote Paper 14:</u> International Governance and Climate Change Mitigation: The Prospects for Sino-Australian Cooperation <i>Associate Professor Wang Xuedong, SYSU</i></p>
2:30-3:00pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30-4:30pm	<p>Session 8: Nuclear ‘Power’ in the Asia Pacific: Energy or Weapons? <i>Chair: Professor Shen Dingli, Director, Center for American Studies, Fudan University (Shanghai)</i></p> <p><u>Keynote Paper 15:</u> <i>Energy Shocks and Emerging Alternative Energy Technologies</i> <i>Presenter: Dr Graham Turner, CSIRO</i></p> <p><u>Keynote Paper 16:</u> <i>Non-Proliferation Trends in the Asia Pacific</i> <i>Presenter: Dr Michael Clark, GAI</i></p>
4:30-4:45pm	Break
4:45-5:30pm	Plenary Discussion and Close